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MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/CI/K

VIA : SB/CI/P

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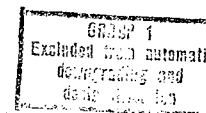
SUBJECT : Contact of an American Citizen (Stepan PROCYK)
by a Soviet Citizen

REFERENCE : Memorandum same subject dated 22 July 1968

1. PROCYK was visited on Sunday, 5 January of this year by "Mykola", who visited him in July of 1968. Mykola wanted to know why PROCYK cancelled his plans to meet with the Soviet contact in Warsaw. He said that if the reason was a lack of money his expenses for the trip would all be paid. PROCYK assured Mykola that it was not a question of money. He said his visa was not granted in time, and that he felt the reason was because the meeting was scheduled for the very time of the invasion of Czechoslovakia and that the Soviet Embassy in Washington probably knew about the invasion in advance and purposely held up the visa. Mykola said he was not aware that there had been a visa problem and asked whether PROCYK would be willing to agree to another meeting. This time PROCYK said that because of his U.S. Government employment he was forbidden to travel to anything but a neutral country. Mykola, therefore, proposed Geneva in April. When PROCYK inquired who would be sent to meet with him, Mykola said he did not know who but that it would certainly be a "competent individual." PROCYK said he would give his definite reply at a later date as to whether or not he agreed to the Geneva meeting.

2. In the course of their conversation, which took place in the home of PROCYK, Mykola asked who was L E B E D, spelling the name rather than pronouncing it, and inquired whether LEBED would agree to a similar meeting, and if so, with whom would he want to talk. PROCYK told Mykola who LEBED was, and said that if indeed the latter should ever agree to meet with any Soviet it would have to be someone "very competent".

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3. The above information was reported by AECASSOWARY/2. It is puzzling as to why the Soviets are so persistent in their contact with PROCYK, who, according to AECASSOWARY/2, has nothing very outstanding in his background. Their interest would more probably be in his place of employment, believed to be the Department of the Army in Philadelphia. AECASSOWARY/2 is of the opinion that it might be a good idea for PROCYK to keep the April meeting in Geneva in order to determine just what it is the Soviets want from PROCYK. AECASSOWARY/2 was told that he could continue to discuss the matter with PROCYK but that he is not to encourage him to keep the meeting in Geneva or to initiate any other contacts with Soviet citizens and definitely not be become involved in any of the arrangements or to offer PROCYK any money for his travel.

4. In our last memorandum we requested to be advised of any information on the subject which might be reported by the FBI. It is believed PROCYK is continuing to keep the Bureau informed concerning his meetings with the Soviets.

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